

# Impact Report 2024–2025

# Vision and Purpose

Our vision is a world in which diabetes can do no harm. We are dedicated to reducing the impact of all types of diabetes on people, families, communities and health systems across Victoria.

## Our impact at a glance



21

21 community consultations conducted to inform the *Life!* program review, engaging mainstream and CALD groups in type 2 diabetes prevention



2,000

Almost 2000 joined our community information sessions and webinars, learning more about diabetes-self management and research



1,850

1,850 people accessed our Advocacy Service for expert support navigating employment, education, and healthcare challenges



250

250 children and adolescents living with type 1 diabetes experienced independence through adventure at camp



4k

Nearly 4,000 pledges taken across 116 countries to end diabetes stigma, following the launch of this international consensus



70

Supported almost 70 peer support groups across Victoria



10

A new 10-year partnership with ACADI to ensure more people will benefit from research breakthroughs to prevent, manage or cure diabetes



7.7M

7.7 million kg of pre-loved clothing saved from landfill and recycled to support our fundraising efforts

# Report from President and CEO

In April, we refreshed the Diabetes Victoria brand and updated our logo to better reflect who we are, the people we support, and the future we are building together. The logo was informed by feedback from our community about what we are best known for. The quotation marks represent the valued conversations we have with our members, the broader diabetes community, stakeholders, and government.

## Every conversation about diabetes matters.

Our vision and purpose remain the same. We are steadfast in our commitment to creating a world in which diabetes can do no harm, by reducing the impact of all types of diabetes on people, families, communities and health systems across Victoria.

This year, we have continued to make bold strides toward that vision. This report highlights the impact of our collective efforts, from prevention and early intervention to advocacy, education, and research that is changing lives in Victoria and influencing policy and practice across Australia.

In 2024–25, our commitment to prevention was evident through the continued evolution of the **Life! program**, which expanded its reach and accessibility to communities who need it most.

We also advanced our work in timely diagnosis and quality care, most notably through the development of **specialised diabetes education programs** for disability support workers, addressing a critical and growing gap in the health system.

The design, launch and increasing uptake of the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) Diabetes Service is attributed to strong stakeholder collaboration, service promotion, and positive word of mouth. The service was designed with lived experience at the centre, following the launch of this targeted diabetes service in July 2024, we worked with the diabetes community to promote the service helping it to reach the people who need it most.

We proudly marked **70 years of Diabetes Camps Victoria**, honouring generations of children and families supported by our camps program. We also **renewed long-standing research partnerships with Deakin University for the ongoing funding and support of the Australian Centre for Behavioural Research in Diabetes**. And announced a **10-year support and funding commitment to the Australian Centre for Accelerating Diabetes Innovations**, to support ACADI's ongoing impactful research.

Diabetes remains one of the greatest public health challenges facing our state. That's why we have **called on government to urgently invest** in prevention, support, and better models of care.

On behalf of the Board, staff and volunteers at Diabetes Victoria, thank you to our partners, supporters, and the thousands of Victorians who trust us to walk alongside them.



Glen Noonan  
CEO



Richard Loveridge  
President



Diabetes Victoria  
Strategy video



## GOAL 1

### Fewer people will develop diabetes

Diabetes Victoria deepened its engagement with key stakeholders to strengthen the reach and relevance of the *Life!* program.

Targeted engagement with key stakeholders, including Local Public Health Units, Primary Health Networks, hotspot LGA councils, and regional providers provided valuable insights into local needs and barriers, particularly for diverse groups, and helped shape tailored support and collaboration opportunities.

The *Life!* program delivered 17 Healthy Living sessions across workplaces and community groups, and participated in seven community based events extending the program's visibility and strengthening community connections.

Extensive engagement also informed the *Life!* program content review, ensuring updates were inclusive, feasible, and aligned with community needs. A total of 21 consultations were conducted with mainstream and culturally and linguistically diverse community and workforce reference groups. These sessions provided critical insights to guide realistic program improvements.

The *Life!* program demonstrated inclusive reach across Victoria and of the 6,287 total participants, nearly 25% of participants residing in regional areas and another 25% were from hotspot locations (defined as LGAs with socioeconomic and health disadvantage and active program delivery) and over 30% of participants came from non-English speaking backgrounds.

*Life!* program reach expanded significantly through the continued implementation of online delivery, enabling participation from all 79 Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Victoria. Flexible access through online group courses and telephone health coaching removed geographic barriers and supported equitable access to prevention services

These outcomes demonstrate the *Life!* program's commitment to inclusive, statewide prevention efforts, ensuring that people at higher risk of type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke can access support to improve their health outcomes, regardless of location, language, or background



## Help protect our kids from unhealthy food and drink marketing

### Advocacy

Diabetes Victoria strengthened its advocacy efforts to advance prevention policy and improve health outcomes for Victorians.

Diabetes Victoria joined eight leading public health organisations to support the Food Fight campaign, calling on the Victorian government to reduce the exposure of children and young people to unhealthy food marketing on public transport and around schools.

Diabetes Victoria made a budget submission to the Victorian Government, advocating for increasing prevention investment to a minimum of 5% of the health budget in line with the National Preventive Health Strategy. The submission also recommended funding a program for healthy living support during pregnancy to address rising rates of gestational diabetes. This evidence-based program reduces complications for mothers and babies and should be offered as standard care to all Victorian women at higher risk.

### Research Partnerships

Research partnerships played a key role in strengthening the *Life!* Program in 2024-25, ensuring it remains evidence-based, inclusive, accessible, and impactful. Collaborations with leading academic institutions informed program development and supported improved health outcomes for priority populations, including culturally and linguistically diverse, First Nations, regional, and socio-economically disadvantaged communities.

The Content Review Project was a major initiative, aimed at ensuring the *Life!* program continues to deliver high-quality, evidence-informed resources that support behaviour change and improve accessibility. The success of this project was underpinned by expert input and research partnerships, which helped ensure revised materials reflect current evidence and best practice across key domains. This rigorous and collaborative review, led in partnership with the **Australian Centre for Behavioural Research in Diabetes (ACBRD)**, focused on enhancing behaviour change components to ensure content remains non-stigmatising and engaging.

In partnership with **Health Systems and Equity Unit at Monash University**, a project was undertaken to investigate low engagement in prevention programs among Chinese and Indian women with gestational diabetes (GDM), two of the largest migrant groups in Australia. This research explored cultural and individual health beliefs and informed the co-design of culturally tailored resources and referral pathways, improving access to prevention services for women most at risk.

In partnership with the **Centre for Health Research and Implementation at Monash University**, a project was undertaken to evaluate the *Life!* program's reach and effectiveness among people with and without PCOS. Findings informed improvements to referral and retention strategies and supported co-development of education programs that strengthened health professionals' confidence in delivering preventive care.

The GooD4Mum project, led by the **University of Melbourne**, was a general practice-based trial that aimed to prevent type 2 diabetes in women with prior GDM. The *Life!* program served as an established referral pathway for women with a history of GDM. The project addressed barriers at the system, practice, and individual levels, supporting increased screening and program uptake.



## GOAL 2

# More people affected by diabetes will have access to a timely diagnosis, and the quality healthcare, education, treatments and technologies they need

### Diabetes Education

Diabetes Victoria Clinic is developing a diabetes training program for disability support workers. We received many requests over the past year for diabetes training for employees in the disability workforce and a further nine organisations requested insulin administration training.

This highlighted strong sector demand and a lack of coordinated training. As the peak body for diabetes in Victoria, we are uniquely positioned to meet this need, with appropriately skilled staff to design and deliver this specialised diabetes training.

In the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report, people with diabetes were found to be twice as likely to have a disability and three times as likely to experience severe or profound limitations compared to those without diabetes.

This project offers scalable, blended learning. It meets urgent workforce needs while aligning with chronic disease management priorities. We aim to develop comprehensive, tiered disability support worker diabetes training modules, based on recommendations by the NDIS.

The training will require a competency framework for support workers to accurately insert Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGM) and accurately take blood glucose levels with a Blood Glucose Meter (BGM) as well as accurately administer insulin. Lastly, to ensure this is a comprehensive package we will develop Clinical Governance guidance (including templates) on how diabetes support organisations can imbed these high skilled support activities for disability support workers into their existing Clinical Governance frameworks.



## Advocacy

Diabetes Victoria launched its National Diabetes Week campaign at Victoria's Parliament House in June.

Attended by Members of Parliament and leading diabetes researchers and advocates, the event highlighted the impact of diabetes on the Victorian community and called on MPs to promote an important message.


The message was simple, but vital: check today for a healthier tomorrow.

*"Living with diabetes puts you at greater risk of other health complications. Early detection and regular health checks are critical. We need to pay attention to both preventing and managing diabetes to help people affected, relieve pressure on the health system, and reduce the prevalence of so many other chronic conditions." – Diabetes Victoria CEO Glen Noonan*

For people living with diabetes, regular health checks for eyes, feet, blood pressure and kidneys can reduce the risk of long-term complications.

MPs at the launch event received resources to promote the National Diabetes Week message. Diabetes Victoria has three policy priorities related to its National Diabetes Week theme and presented these priorities to spark discussion at the event:

- Stronger action on early intervention, to transform the health system to front load the support people get when newly diagnosed.
- Increase access to specialist diabetes advice in rural and regional areas.
- Secure investment in leading diabetes research centres in our state.

We joined leading diabetes experts and organisations in endorsing a consensus statement and petition on expanding access to Automated Insulin Delivery (AID) for people living with type 1 diabetes in Australia. AID systems are the standard of care and access should not be limited by an individual's financial circumstances. [Over 10,000 people have now signed the petition to the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care.](#) 

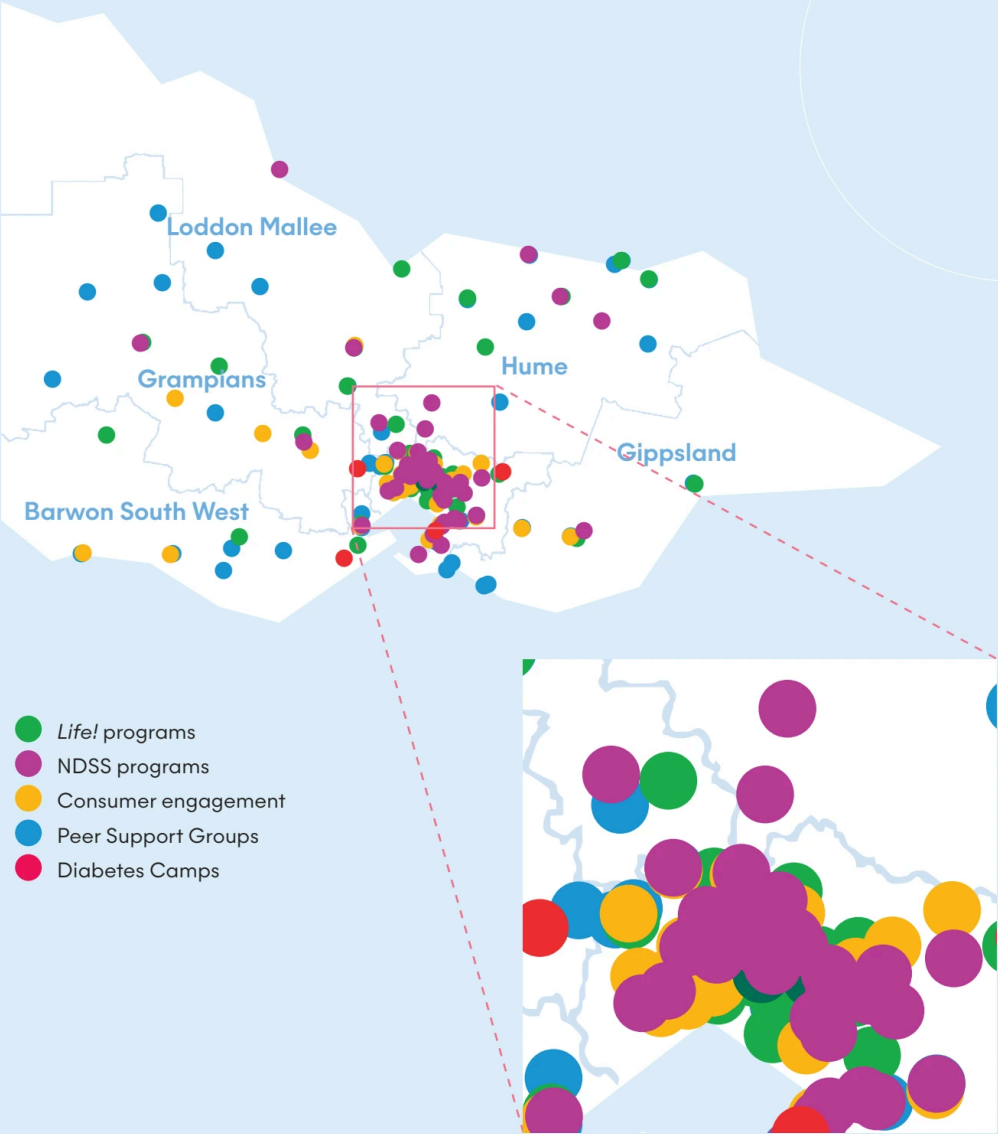
As part of the Federal election in 2025, we encouraged the community to contact Members of Parliament and candidates to advocate for access to diabetes technology. This included expanding access to continuous glucose monitors (CGM) for people living with all types of diabetes and increasing access to AID for people living with type 1 diabetes.

We also made a submission to state government that CGM should be integrated into public maternity care for women with all types of diabetes during pregnancy.

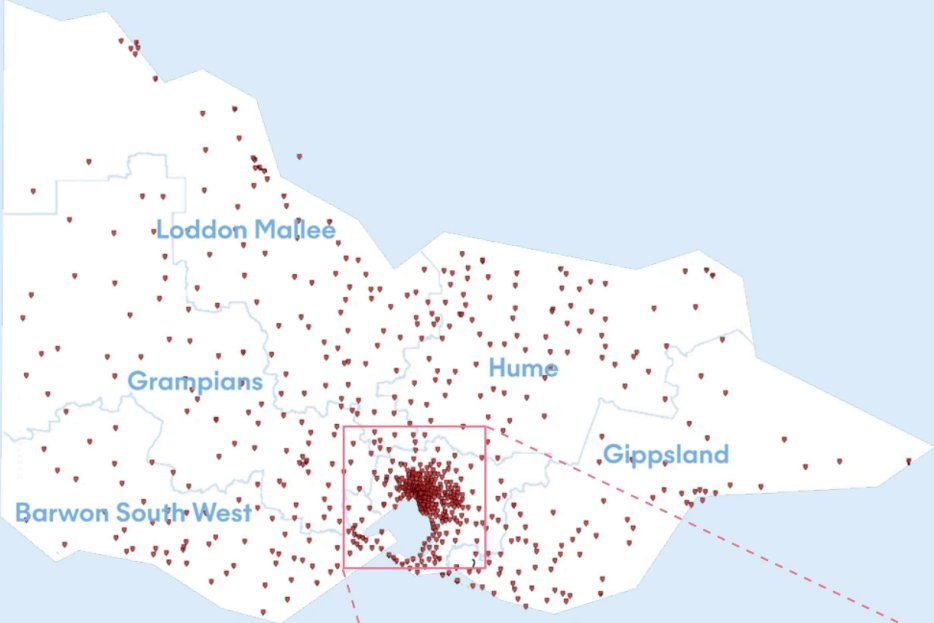
# Impact reach


## We have delivered programs right across Victoria in 2024–2025.

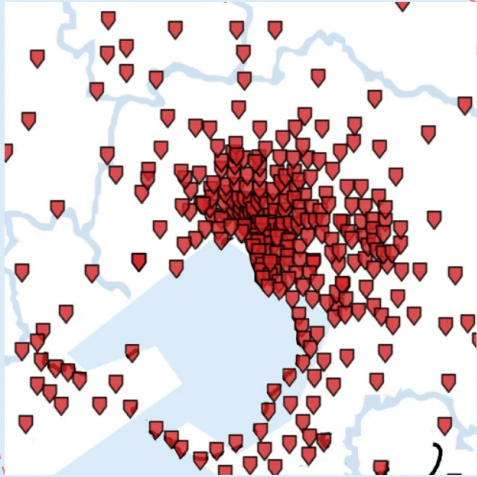
This map highlights the locations where we delivered in-person programs. In addition to these, we also delivered virtual programs and webinars to support people from their homes (not shown on map).



We support and represent a vibrant membership community across Victoria.



 Our members





### GOAL 3

## More people with diabetes will be empowered to self-manage the condition, their way, with confidence

### Diabetes Camps Victoria

In May, we celebrated 70 years of Diabetes Camps Victoria. For seven decades, giving children with type 1 diabetes 'a happy, healthy holiday' has remained at the heart of the program.

70 years on, we still deliver our diabetes camps in partnership with the Royal Children's Hospital and Monash Children's Hospital.

*"It's a place where they can build confidence and learn practical skills – including injecting their own insulin, perhaps for the first time, managing their blood glucose levels, learning more about pump therapy, or simply how to advocate for themselves in the wider community." – Diabetes Camps Victoria Program Coordinator, Natalie Logan*

Our 70-year celebration event was an opportunity for past campers and volunteers to connect and reflect, while also raising awareness and funds for our teenage camp program.

Before she joined the program as a volunteer, Ramona was a camper herself. She says teenage camp is arguably the most important, given how difficult it can be navigating the transition to the adult health system.

*"In my own experience transitioning from childhood into adulthood, I found teenage camp so impactful. I was diagnosed very young, so I wasn't taught diabetes management first-hand. When I was in high school it was almost like being diagnosed again... I was going through all the education that my parents went through.*

*"Diabetes camp is an opportunity to go from relying on your parents, having that tether and having them making decisions for you, to building that independence."*

Teenage camps allow young adults to build connections with peers who are going through similar experiences.

*"Not many other experiences still profoundly impact people 10–20 years on. Campers leave feeling empowered, and those two or three days at camp can change the direction of their lives." – Diabetes Victoria CEO, Glen Noonan*



## Peer Support

Living well with diabetes is not only about managing diabetes, but also about connection, understanding, and support that feels safe. For many people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, this can be more challenging due to barriers such as language, stigma, and limited access to health information that is easy to understand and culturally relevant.

Brimbank is home to one of Victoria's largest Vietnamese-speaking communities, with almost one in five residents speaking Vietnamese at home. It is also one of the areas most affected by type 2 diabetes, with nearly 16,500 residents living with the condition (NDSS, 2023). To respond to this need, Diabetes Victoria partnered with Cohealth and, with funding from Brimbank Council in March 2025, launched a **Type 2 diabetes Vietnamese pilot peer support group** designed by and for the community.

The group met every two months and provided a safe, welcoming space where people could learn about diabetes, share experiences, and support each other in their own language. Sessions were led by bicultural workers and trusted community members, with guest speakers such as dietitians, pharmacists, and diabetes educators. Word-of-mouth and grassroots promotion have helped reach people who might not otherwise connect with diabetes services, and participation has grown with each session.

Feedback has been very positive. Approximately 80% of participants reported feeling more confident about managing their diabetes and better informed about their health from March to July. Just as importantly, they valued meeting others who understand their experiences with one participant saying: ***"Meeting my (many) peers/friends, is very good!" (Translated).***

Building on this success and feedback from participants ***"I'm very thankful for this Peer Support Group/ initiative. I hope to continue getting the support" (Translated).*** Diabetes Victoria is exploring ways to continue and expand the program, with the aim of improving health knowledge, reducing barriers to accessing health services, and empowering more Vietnamese-speaking residents in Brimbank to live well with type 2 diabetes.



## GOAL 4

### People will live free from diabetes stigma and discrimination

Diabetes stigma affects four in five people living with diabetes. It creates significant barriers to healthcare, self-care, and overall wellbeing. Diabetes Victoria is leading advocacy efforts and funding world-class research to bring an end to diabetes stigma and discrimination.

#### Advocacy

In 2024- 2025, Diabetes Victoria's Community Advocacy Team supported 1850 contacts, including 322 people new to the service. Many required complex, ongoing support, with more than 1,600 people needing to resolve issues.

#### Behind these numbers are real lives changed:

*An adult with type 1 diabetes applying for an administrative job in public service asked for our guidance on who and what to tell about their health condition at time of recruitment. This person called us back to let us know they got the job.*

*A primary school principal in regional Victoria asked for help to prepare funding documentation for a teaching aide to support a student recently diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. This Principal let us know their submission was successful and they could provide help to this student for the remainder of the 2025 school year.*

*Connecting a young person with diabetes to a former AFL footballer who also lives with type 1. He was able to ask all his questions about a football career, preparing for the game and recovery afterwards.*

## Local Leadership, Global Impact

In March 2025, the Australian Centre for Behavioural Research in Diabetes (ACBRD) announced the inaugural Global Summit to End Diabetes Stigma, supported by Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF) and proudly sponsored by Diabetes Victoria. This world-first event will take place in Jaipur, India: 28-29 March 2026, bringing together diverse stakeholders to accelerate progress in eliminating stigma and discrimination.

The Summit builds on the 2024 international consensus co-led by Professor Jane Speight and Dr Elizabeth Holmes-Truscott, developed with 51 experts from 18 countries. The panel achieved unanimous agreement on a **Pledge to end diabetes stigma**, providing clear, evidence-based recommendations for collective action.

"Since its launch, the Pledge has been taken by almost 4,000\* organisations and individuals in 116\* countries across the world" said Professor Speight. "The Global Summit to End Diabetes Stigma is the next logical and powerful step, driving the next wave of global action."

\*Correct at time of publication

## World-Leading Research

Diabetes Victoria proudly supports the ACBRD's **world-leading research on diabetes stigma**, which continues to shape global understanding, guide practice, and drive action.

### Key new findings

- **Global prevalence of stigma:** Data from nearly 10,000 adults with type 1 or type 2 diabetes across six countries highlights the widespread burden of diabetes stigma.
- **Language Matters:** Research into community preferences for diabetes communication shows how words can harm or empower, guiding best-practice stigma-free communication and informing Diabetes Victoria's approach.



Diabetes language matters to adults with diabetes, a mixed-methods study

- **Stigma in gestational diabetes:** Community-led research shows how stigma harms women's wellbeing, behaviour, and pregnancy experiences, underscoring an urgent need for change.
- **Strengthening campaigns:** An evaluation of past National Diabetes Week campaign videos showed their potential to reinforce stigma. Findings inform Diabetes Victoria's future campaigns, ensuring accurate, empowering, stigma-free messaging.



Diabetes misconceptions, seriousness, motivation, self-efficacy and stigma



## GOAL 5

# People with diabetes will live free from the harmful impacts of complications

## Partnerships

The VVED Diabetes Service is a dynamic, impactful collaboration between ACADI, Northern Health, Ambulance Victoria, Diabetes Victoria, Royal Flying Doctor Service and Abbott.

Launched in July 2024, in the first six months, the VVED Diabetes Service managed **868 diabetes-related emergencies**, with 82.5% treated in the community, avoiding a physical emergency department visit. Hyperglycaemia accounted for 46% of presentations.

This first of a kind service in Australia delivers safe, timely, and high-quality treatment for people with diabetes who are acutely unwell, while ensuring the efficient use of limited hospital resources.

The increasing uptake of the VVED Diabetes Service is attributed to strong stakeholder collaboration, continuous service promotion, and positive word of mouth. After the launch of this targeted diabetes service in July 2024, we **worked with the diabetes community to promote the service**, and we saw a notable increase in related presentations.

Preliminary findings highlight the potential of VVED Diabetes Service to have a positive impact on diabetes care and management in Australia.

VVED was recognised at the 2025 IPAA Victoria Leadership Awards in August, winning two award categories - the **Designing Services for People Award** for adopting a people-centred approach to achieve better public outcomes, and the overall **People's Choice Award**, celebrating exceptional projects or initiatives as recognised by peers in the sector.



## Advocacy

Diabetes is now affecting more than one in seven Victorians, including those undiagnosed or at high risk. In response, Diabetes Victoria recently submitted a state budget proposal to the Victorian Government.

The submission calls for action to address the growing health crisis, including the development of a Victorian Diabetes Plan. The plan would provide a coordinated, strategic response to diabetes and its impacts on people, families, and the healthcare system.

People with diabetes are overrepresented across the entire health system. There is an urgent need to improve both the health and quality of life of all Victorians affected by, or at risk of, diabetes.

**Four key budget proposals** aim to improve health outcomes in the short term while laying the foundation for long-term success. They are:

- **Improving models of diabetes care in hospitals**

Establish a Victorian Diabetes Health Learning Network to improve the quality and safety of diabetes care, involving both healthcare professionals and people with lived experience.

Scale up proactive models of care aimed at improving outcomes for people with diabetes in hospitals.

- **Expanded Access to Specialist Care**

A statewide diabetes service to improve access to specialised diabetes care, particularly in rural and regional areas, addressing the imbalance in healthcare access.

- **Healthy pregnancy and prevention**

Increased funding to support evidence-based programs targeting the prevention of gestational diabetes during pregnancy

Fund access to continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) for women with type 2 diabetes during pregnancy.

- **Early intervention for adults with early-onset type 2 diabetes**

Funding to develop a tailored model of care for younger adults newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, focusing on early intervention.

Diabetes is a major public health issue that demands immediate action. The Diabetes Victoria State Budget Submission to the Victorian Government is a call to improve the lives of all Victorians affected by diabetes.





## GOAL 6

### More people will benefit from research breakthroughs to prevent, manage or cure diabetes



ACADI  
Partnership video



ACBRD  
Partnership video

#### Research Partnerships

**Diabetes Victoria and The University of Melbourne** announced a 10-year partnership to support the **Australian Centre for Accelerating Diabetes Innovations (ACADI)**.

The landmark 10-year collaboration ensures ACADI's continued leadership in driving impactful, cutting-edge diabetes research across Australia. ACADI unites more than 70 partners and supporters to deliver novel interventions for timely diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diabetes and its complications.

ACADI was established in 2021 with a \$10 million MRFF grant from the Australian Government's Targeted Translation Research Accelerator (TTRA) program, delivered by MTPConnect, as well as \$13.3 million in cash and in-kind contributions from 70 partners across the country. The Centre is also seeking federal and state government support to continue its research and clinical trials.

*"Translation of research is key – we want to see research sustainably implemented in healthcare systems and communities,"*

*"The ACADI model embeds skill-sets such as implementation science, health economics, lived experience, industry, health services, health policy, commercial panel – all of these are vital to achieving translational outcomes." – Diabetes Victoria CEO Glen Noonan.*

The partnership will accelerate the translation of research into impactful clinical practice.

*"The vision for ACADI has always been about addressing inequality when it comes to diabetes healthcare, and how we can better serve Australians living with diabetes and provide them with equal access to products, innovations and clinical trials, regardless of their postcode," – Director of ACADI Professor Elif Ekinci.*

## Research Feature: Engaging Rural Communities

ACBRD and ACADI are partnering to ensure people living with diabetes in rural and regional areas are better represented in research. Their recent qualitative study explored the barriers, enablers, and motivations for research participation among adults with type 2 diabetes across Australian rural communities.

By combining Diabetes Victoria's community perspective, ACBRD's behavioural insights, and ACADI's clinical and translational expertise, the partnership is developing strategies to reduce barriers and build trust in rural communities. These initiatives aim to ensure people living with diabetes outside metropolitan areas can access and benefit from research breakthroughs.



Rural communities are under-represented in diabetes research.

Partners for better health



The Australian Centre  
for Behavioural Research  
in Diabetes



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**Diabetes Victoria and Deakin University** announced the renewal of their strategic Collaboration Agreement to fund the **Australian Centre for Behavioural Research in Diabetes (ACBRD)** for a further five years, from 2025 to 2030. This is the fourth consecutive 5-year agreement between Diabetes Victoria and Deakin University to support the ACBRD's work.

This significant agreement ensures the continuation of Australia's first and only national research centre dedicated to the behavioural, psychological, and social aspects of diabetes. Established in 2010, the ACBRD has been at the forefront of innovative research aimed at improving the quality of life for people living with diabetes over the past 15 years.

This renewed commitment reflects a shared vision of evidence-based advances in diabetes care informed by behavioural science and the experiences of people living with, or affected by, diabetes.

The ACBRD's work has significantly influenced diabetes policy and practice across Australia and internationally.

The renewed funding will support the ACBRD's comprehensive research program. It focuses on understanding the psychological impact of diabetes, developing effective interventions, and translating research findings into practical applications for and with people living with or affected by diabetes, and the healthcare professionals who support them.

*"Our work over the next five years will focus on emerging challenges and opportunities, including advancing towards the end of diabetes stigma and discrimination, transforming mental health support for people living with diabetes, supporting the realisation of real-world screening and cell-based therapies for type 1 diabetes and, as ever, amplifying lived experience voices,"* – Foundation Director of the ACBRD Professor Jane Speight



# A new chapter for Diabetes Victoria



## Why we updated our brand

In the 70 years since our inception, we have seen significant improvements in diabetes support, care, and research. Still, there is more work to be done, and it is important to stay focused on what we want to accomplish. Our strategy is focused on improving access, empowering people, reducing stigma, prevention, and reducing the impact of complications, while strengthening research that can transform lives.

We have updated our brand to better reflect this renewed commitment and focus, while honouring our connection with community, which has always been at the heart of our organisation.

## Our new look

The new Diabetes Victoria logo draws on feedback from our community and members about what we are best known for. It is also informed by our ambitions for the future.

The quotation marks are distinct and represent the valued conversations we have with our members, the broader diabetes community, stakeholders, and government. Every conversation about diabetes matters.

We have also launched a revamped members' magazine, Diabetes Matters. It has a fresh new look, but it still features all the stories and recipes you know and enjoy, along with local Victorian content and the latest on research from around the world.

## What this means for our community

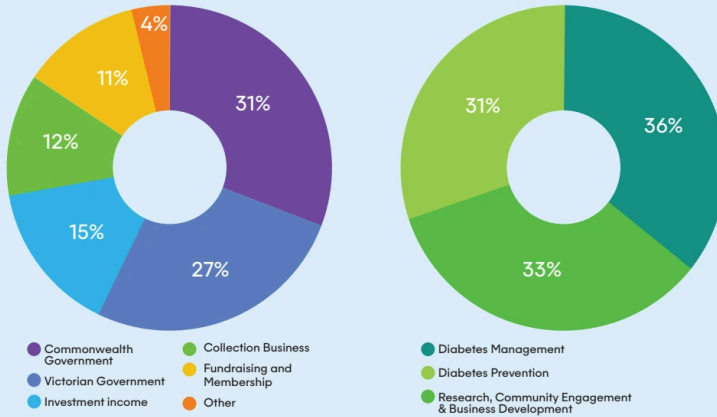
We remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting Victorians affected by diabetes. There will be no change to our existing state-based services or local support programs.

The new brand brings enhanced benefits to your membership. We have a free membership option that is now ongoing, giving more people access to resources and opportunities.



# Financial snapshot

In FY24/25, Diabetes Victoria continued to deliver strong financial performance and impactful community outcomes.



Total income:	\$23,719,269
Total expenditure:	\$21,809,452
Total comprehensive income for the financial year 24/25:	\$1,909,817

## Summary points

- Federal and State Governments contributed \$13.6m of Diabetes Victoria's income earned in FY24/25.
- The Collection Business continues to thrive, earning \$2.8m for FY24/25.
- Investment Income includes an unrealised gain of \$1.6m.
- Diabetes Victoria has an even spread of expenditure across Diabetes Management, Diabetes Prevention, and Research, Community Engagement & Business Development.

Fundraising administrative costs remained efficient this year - ensuring every dollar works toward lasting change. We work hard to keep our operating costs low so that the majority of every donation goes directly to supporting diabetes research, programs and services.

We have continued to develop and expand our strategic partnerships, to drive financial sustainability and impact. Highlights include:

- A new 10-year research partnership with the Australian Centre for Accelerating Diabetes Innovations.
- A renewed partnership with the Australian Centre for Behavioural Research into Diabetes.
- Ongoing partnership with Savers, supporting sustainable revenue.
- The launch of the Diabetes Innovation and Impact Foundation.

# Diabetes Innovation Impact Foundation (DIIF)



Our vision is for a world where diabetes can do no harm, and we know that research is critical to get there. In 2025 we launched DIIF – **The Diabetes Innovation and Impact Foundation** – a national research foundation dedicated to transforming the lives of people living with diabetes. Governed and managed by Diabetes Victoria, DIIF is committed to enabling groundbreaking research across the country, for the benefit of all Australians.

Our purpose is to raise vital funds and drive innovative research that not only advances scientific discovery but also translates research directly into practical healthcare solutions.

We secure essential funding through a variety of innovative channels, including our Social Enterprise Businesses, charitable trusts and foundations, through the generosity of individual donations, community-driven fundraising, and strategic partnerships.

The Diabetes Innovation and Impact Foundation believes that the best research is driven by community, for community. That's why we prioritise the voices of those affected by diabetes to guide our funding decisions, ensuring that consumer expertise is deeply integrated into our research initiatives to drive meaningful, real-world change.

## Social Enterprise Businesses

We raise funds through innovative and sustainable streams including our Social Enterprise Businesses, such as our Clothing Collection Business and partnership with Savers Australia. This partnership uses commercial strategies to achieve social goals.

For every bag of clothing and pre-loved items donated, Diabetes Victoria receives funds from Savers that contribute directly to diabetes research. This collaboration also promotes environmental sustainability by reducing waste and supporting a circular economy.



# Thank you

Thank you to our community of members, donors, partners, supporters, and volunteers for your generosity this year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Corporate and Community Supporters

Thank you to our partners for your financial and in-kind support this year.

- 4 Ingredients
- Abbott
- Advara HeartCare
- Albury Wodonga Diabetes Support Group
- ANZ
- Ascensia Diabetes Care
- ASIC in the Community
- Australian Diabetes Educators Association
- Australian Diabetes Society
- Australian Women's Weekly
- Be Fit Food
- Benevity
- Bolton Clarke
- Brimbank City Council
- Department of Veteran's Affairs
- Dexcom
- Diabetes SA
- Diabetes WA
- Diabetic Living
- Equity Trustees
- Exercise for Rehabilitation and Health
- Good2Give

- GoodCompany
- Gras Foundation Trust
- Harold Mitchell Foundation
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- William Angliss Charitable Fund
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- Ypsomed

Thank you also to our anonymous supporters and individual major donors for your generosity.



## Collection Partners

Thank you to our major partner, Savers, and to our many donation partners.

- Access Workwear
- ANZ
- La Trobe University
- Mannix College
- Monash University
- Melbourne University
- St Hilda's
- Hudson Apartments
- Madison Apartments
- Melbourne Square
- Swanston Central
- Swanston Square
- Queens Place

## Health and Research Partners

Thank you to our health and research partners.

- Australian Centre for Accelerating Diabetes Innovations (ACADI)
- Australian Centre for Behavioural Research in Diabetes (ACBRD)
- Australian Diabetes Society
- Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute
- Commonwealth Government
- Deakin University
- Diabetes Technology Research Group
- Engage Pasefika
- Heart Foundation
- Institute for Physical Activity and Nutrition
- Kidney Health Australia
- Men's Shed
- Multicultural Centre for Women's Health
- Monash Children's Hospital
- Monash University
- Primary Care Diabetes Society of Australia
- Royal Children's Hospital
- Royal Melbourne Hospital
- St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research
- University of Melbourne
- VicHealth
- Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
- Victorian Government
- Water Well Project

## Bequests

We would also like to acknowledge and honour our thoughtful and generous bequestors who have supported Diabetes Victoria through a gift in their will.

- Estate of Austin Webster Gaylard
- Estate of Bridget Houseman
- Estate of Carl Joseph Fackler
- Estate of Elaine Margaret Clarke
- Estate of Eugene Lee Sheridan
- Estate of Genevieve Winsome Hanley  
Estate of John Alexander McRae
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